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#### **U.S. Patent Documents**

6,192,550 Hamada et al. 02/27/2001

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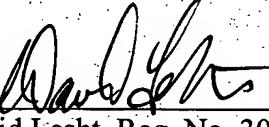
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#### **Other**

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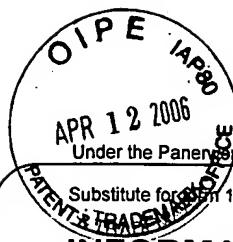
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